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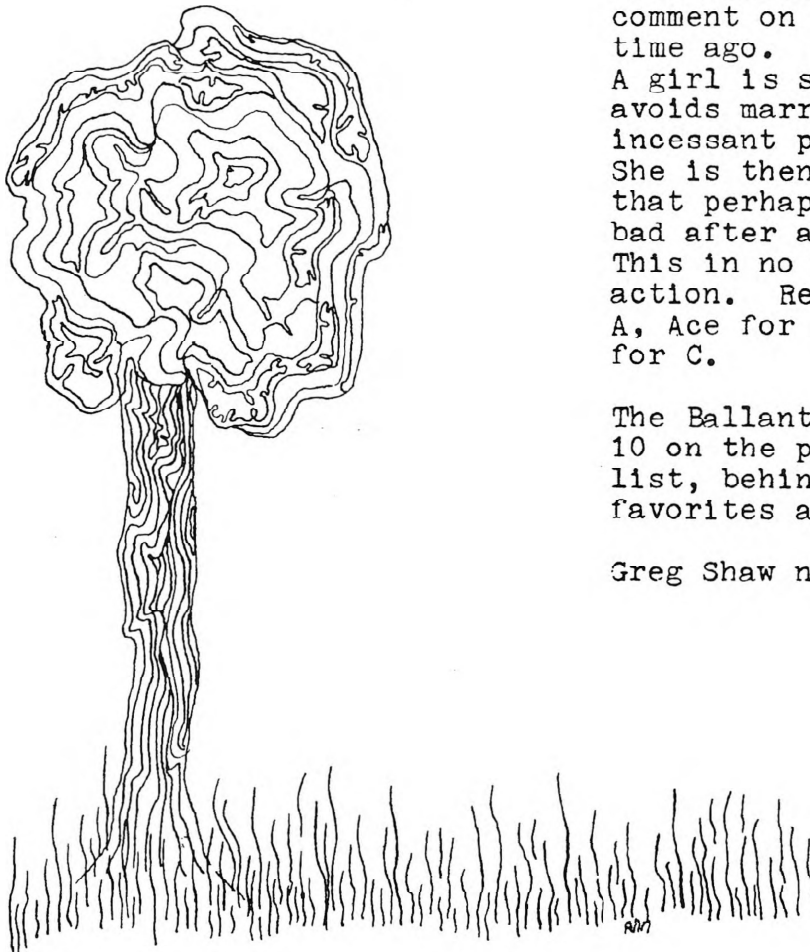


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Is "Meriadoc" stressed on the first or the second syllable? Is Michel Delving pronounced "Mikkle" or "Michael" Delving? Neither, in both cases, says Tolkien. "Meriadoc" is a Welsh name, stressed on the third syllable, and "Michel" is pronounced "Mitchel". "Michel" is related to modern "much" and "major".

Notice in Harvard Union, freshman dining room at Harvard: "Ride wanted to N. Y. In New York, where there are more Harvard students than in Minas Tirith, more people drink Rheingold than any other beer..."



Poul Anderson made an interesting comment on the Ace affair some time ago. Consider this analogy. A girl is somewhat frigid, so avoids marriage despite A's incessant proposals for 5 years. She is then raped by B, decides that perhaps things aren't so bad after all, and marries C. This in no way justifies B's action. Read Pyramid Books for A, Ace for B, and Ballantine for C.

The Ballantine LotR is number 10 on the paperback best-seller list, behind such perennial favorites as Candy...

Greg Shaw now has full control of Entmoot, having taken over Dave Hall's half. Entmoot 3 will appear in a few weeks. Greg will send samples for the asking. Write him at 2545 Lexington Way, San Bruno, Calif.

Let The New York Review of Books be hereby informed that "Thain" is spelled "Thain" and not "Thane". The editors should learn to "spel".

Among the words used in Beowulf to signify "prince" are beorn, brego, ceorl, eorl, thengel, and theoden.